

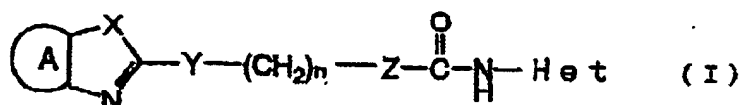
Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1-8. (Cancelled).

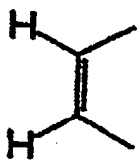
9. (Currently Amended) Compounds represented by the formula (I)



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:



Het represents a substituted pyridyl group, 2,4-disubstituted-6-alkyl-pyridin-3-yl, wherein each substituent is a lower alkyloxy group having between 1 and 6 carbon atoms or a lower alkylthio group having between 1 and 6 carbon atoms;

X represents an oxygen atom;

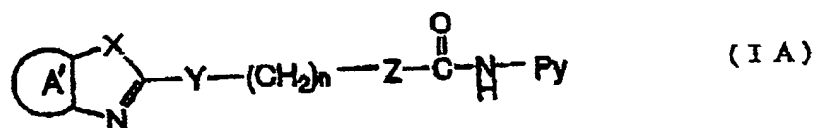
Y represents $-\text{NR}_4-$, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) The compounds according to claim 9, which are represented by the formula (IA)



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of;

Py represents a 2,4-disubstituted-6-alkyl-pyridin-3-yl, wherein each substituent is a lower alkyloxy group having between 1 and 6 carbon atoms or a lower alkylthio group having between 1 and 6 carbon atomssubstituted-pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR₄-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

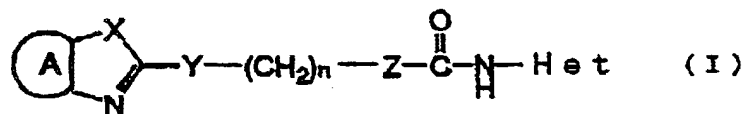
R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

11. (Cancelled).

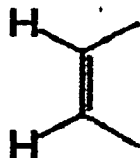
12. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and at least one compound selected from the compounds represented by the formula (I)



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:



Het represents a 2,4-disubstituted-6-alkyl-pyridin-3-yl, wherein each substituent is a lower alkyloxy group having between 1 and 6 carbon atoms or a lower alkylthio group having between 1 and 6 carbon atoms~~substituted pyridyl group~~;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

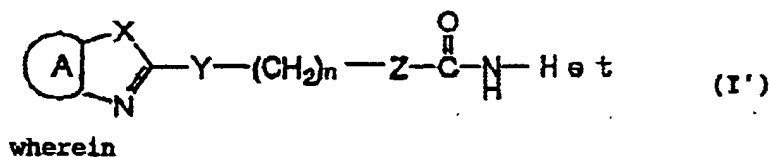
R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

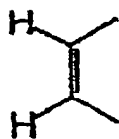
13. (Cancelled).

14. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12, which is a remedy or a medication for preventing hyperlipemia, arteriosclerosis, cerebrovascular accidents, ischemic heart disease, ischemic intestinal disease or aortic aneurysm.

15. (Previously Presented) A method for treating hyperlipemia, arteriosclerosis, cerebrovascular accidents, ischemic heart disease, ischemic intestinal disease or aortic aneurysm by administering to a patient in need of such treatment a compound of the formula (I')



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:



Het represents substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents $-\text{NR}_4-$, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

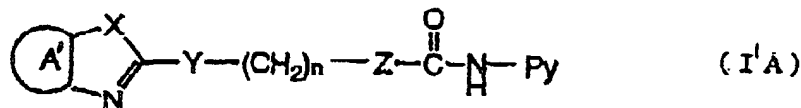
Z represents a single bond;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

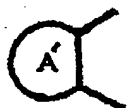
n is an integer of from 1 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein a compound of formula (I'A) is administered



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene;

Py represents an optionally substituted pyridyl or pyrimidinyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR₄-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

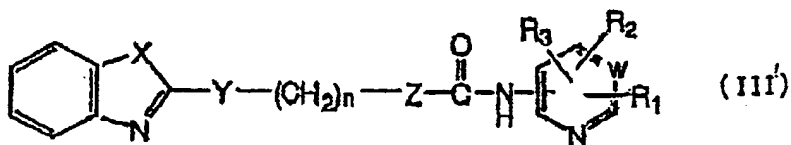
Z represents a single bond;

R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group;

n is an integer of from 1 to 15,

or salts or solvates thereof.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein a compound of formula (III') is administered



wherein, W represents =CH-,

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR₄- an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

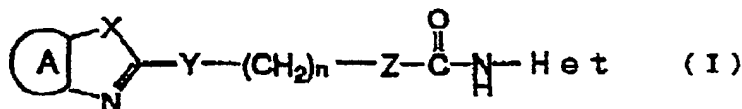
R₁, R₂, and R₃ are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, a sulfonamide group, a lower alkylthio group or an optionally substituted amino group, or two of R₁, R₂, and R₃, together form an alkylenedioxide group;

R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

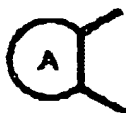
n is an integer of from 1 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

18. (Previously Presented) A method claim 15 wherein a compound represented by formula (I) is administered,



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene;

Het represents a substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group;

X is an oxygen atom;

Y is a sulfur atom;

Z is a single bond;

n is 1;

or salts or solvates thereof.

19. (New) The compound of claim 9, wherein the Het represents a 2,4-di(alkylthio)-6-methyl-pyridin-3-yl, wherein each alkylthio group has between 1 and 6 carbon atoms.

20. (New) The compound of claim 10, wherein the Py represents a 2,4-di(alkylthio)-6-methyl-pyridin-3-yl, wherein each alkylthio group has between 1 and 6 carbon atoms.
21. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 12, wherein the Het represents a 2,4-di(alkylthio)-6-methyl-pyridin-3-yl, wherein each alkylthio group has between 1 and 6 carbon atoms.
22. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein Het represents a 2,4-disubstituted-6-alkyl-pyridin-3-yl, wherein each substituent is a lower alkyloxy group having between 1 and 6 carbon atoms or a lower alkylthio group having between 1 and 6 carbon atoms.
23. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein Py represents a 2,4-disubstituted-6-alkyl-pyridin-3-yl, wherein each substituent is a lower alkyloxy group having between 1 and 6 carbon atoms or a lower alkylthio group having between 1 and 6 carbon atoms.
24. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein Het represents a 2,4-disubstituted-6-alkyl-pyridin-3-yl, wherein each substituent is a lower alkyloxy group having between 1 and 6 carbon atoms or a lower alkylthio group having between 1 and 6 carbon atoms.